

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent of:

BRYON HOURMAND, et al.

U.S. Patent No.: 5,796,183

Issue Date: August 18, 1998

For: CAPACITIVE RESPONSIVE ELECTRONIC SWITCHING CIRCUIT

Attorney Docket No.: NAR 0227 L

**RENEWED REQUEST FOR "CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION"**

Attention Certificate of Correction Branch  
Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-identified patent under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.323. The corrections noted are as follows:

The inventorship of this patent is amended to add the following joint inventors:

**John M. Washeleski**, of Cadillac, Michigan; and

**Stephen R. W. Cooper**, of Fowlerville, Michigan

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the form for Certificate of Correction (PTO/SB/44) together with a copy of the court order correcting inventorship from the United States District

Court, Western District of Michigan, as well as a Declaration, Statement of Patent Owner and Declaration of Robert C.J. Tuttle. The amount of \$100 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) has been paid by electronic submission herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

**BRYON HOURMAND, et al.**

By John E. Nemazi/

John E. Nemazi

Reg. No. 30,876

Attorney/Agent for Applicant

Date: August 19, 2011

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : 5,796,183  
APPLICATION NO. : 601,268  
ISSUE DATE : August 18, 1998  
INVENTOR(S) : Byron Hourmand et al

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The inventorship of this patent is amended to add the following joint inventors:

**John M. Washeleski**, of Cadillac, Michigan, and

**Stephen R. W. Cooper**, of Fowlerville, Michigan.

MAILING ADDRESS OF SENDER:

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.322, 1.323, and 1.324. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Attention Certificate of Corrections Branch, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Docket No. NAR 0227 L  
First Named Inventor Byron Hourmand

### I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### CAPACITIVE RESPONSIVE ELECTRONIC SWITCHING CIRCUIT,

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto; or  
☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) January 31, 1996 as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number 601,268, and issued on (MM/DD/YYYY) 08/18/1998 as U.S. Patent 5,796,183.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

### Authorization to Permit Access to Application by Participating Offices

☐ If checked, the undersigned hereby grants the USPTO authority to provide the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), and any other intellectual property offices in which a foreign application claiming priority to the above-identified patent application is filed access to the above-identified patent application. See 37 CFR 1.14(c) and (h). This box should not be checked if the applicant does not wish the EPO, JPO, KIPO, WIPO, or other intellectual property office in which a foreign application claiming priority to the above-identified patent application is filed to have access to the above-identified patent application.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.14(h)(3), access will be provided to a copy of the above-identified patent application with respect to: 1) the above-identified patent application-as-filed; 2) any foreign application to which the above-identified patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) if a copy of the foreign application that satisfies the certified copy requirement of 37 CFR 1.55 has been filed in the above-identified patent application; and 3) any U.S. application-as-filed from which benefit is sought in the above-identified patent application.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.14(c), access may be provided to information concerning the date of filing the Authorization to Permit Access to Application by Participating Offices.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Priority Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? (Yes/No)

**Declaration for Patent Application (cont'd.)**Atty. Docket No. NAR 0227 L

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<i>Application Number(s)</i>	<i>Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below.

<i>Application Number(s)</i>	<i>Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>	<i>Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned</i>

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer Number **02245** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number. Telephone calls should be directed to (248) 358-4400.

**02245**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**Full Name of Sole or First Inventor** Bryon HourmandInventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 07 / / 2011Mailing address 1726 Creedside Lane, Vista, CA, 92081-4551Residence Same as Mailing Address Citizenship US**Full Name of Second Joint Inventor** John M. WasheleskiInventor's signature  Date 07/26/2011Mailing address 656 Holly Road, Cadillac, MI 49601Residence Same as Mailing Address Citizenship US**Full Name of Third Joint Inventor** Stephen R.W. CooperInventor's signature  Date 8 / / 2011Mailing address 6599 W. Hogback Road, Fowlerville, MI 48835Residence Same as Mailing Address Citizenship US

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**STATEMENT OF PATENT OWNER  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.324(b)(3) IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE CORRECTING INVENTORSHIP**

**NORMAN A. RAUTIOLA** states as follows:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Nartron Corporation, 5000 North US-131, Reed City, Michigan 49677, the assignee of the joint inventors of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183, issued August 18, 1998, for "CAPACITIVE RESPONSIVE ELECTRONIC SWITCHING CIRCUIT."

2. I am also the Manager of UUSI, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, the assignee of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183, as evidenced by the assignment recorded in the Assignment Branch of the US PTO at Reel 23679, Frame 803, recorded December 22, 2009.

3. I agree, on behalf of both Nartron Corporation and UUSI, LLC, to the change of inventorship of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183, adding Stephen R. W. Cooper and John M. Washeleski as joint inventors with Byron Hourmand.

4. Through my review of Nartron Corporation documents, I became aware that the inventorship of the '183 patent was in error and needed to be corrected. Subsequently, steps were taken by me to seek correction of that error. Unfortunately, the refusal of the sole inventor, Mr. Hourmand, to acknowledge the contributions of his fellow workers, Messrs. Cooper and Washaleski, as coinventors of the '183 patent made it necessary for suit to be filed against Mr. Hourmand seeking correction of inventorship. Specifically, I authorized the filing of the civil action styled *Nartron Corp., et al v. Byron Hourmand*, Civil Action No. 1:10-DV-691-RHB, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan ("the Michigan litigation"), for the purpose of obtaining an order under 35 U.S.C. §256, ¶2, for the Director of Patents and Trademarks to issue a certificate of correction of inventorship. That civil action resulted in a Consent Judgment with an accordant order.

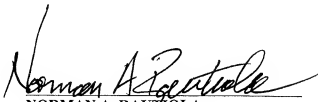
5. Following resolution of the Michigan litigation, I again authorized counsel for Nartron Corporation and UUSI, LLC to request Byron Hourmand to execute an inventor's oath with his two coinventors, and again Mr. Hourmand refused to do so.

6. Issuance of a certificate of correction of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183 naming Mr. Byron Hourmand, Stephen R. W. Cooper and John M. Washeleski as joint inventors is necessary to preserve the rights of Nartron Corporation and UUSI, LLC and to prevent irreparable damage. A issuance of a Certificate of Correction correcting inventorship is thus respectfully requested.

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 35 C.F.R. §1.68**

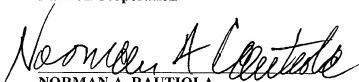
Norman A. Rautiola, having been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. §1001) and may jeopardize the validity of any application or the patent issuing thereon, states that

all statements made above on knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.



**NORMAN A. RAUTIOLA**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Nartron Corporation**

Dated: 8-11-2011



**NORMAN A. RAUTIOLA**  
**Manager – UUSI, LLC**

Dated: 8-11-2011



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### **DECLARATION OF ROBERT C. J. TUTTLE**

**ROBERT C. J. TUTTLE** makes the following declaration on personal knowledge, except where indicated to be upon information and belief, and states as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan (P25222), and a registered patent attorney (Reg. No. 27,962).
2. The purpose of this declaration is to present facts pertinent to Byron Hourmand's refusal to sign an inventor's oath in relation to the request for a certificate of correction of the inventorship of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183 ("the '183 patent").
3. The request for a certificate of correction, e-filed on September 14, 2010 as Appl. No. 08601268, is based on the Consent Judgment approved by the Court and entered in the case styled *Nartron Corp., et al v. Byron Hourmand*, Civil Action No. 1:10-DV-691-RHB, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan ("the Civil Action"). A copy of the Consent Judgment is at Exhibit A.

4. Byron Hourmand was represented in the matter by Michael Fabiano, Esq. of Mazzerlla Caldarelli LLP, of San Diego, CA. Mr. Fabiano's e-mail forwarding Mr. Hourmand's approval of the Consent Judgment is attached at Exhibit B.

5. The Complaint in the Civil Action sets forth in factual detail (with contemporaneous documents as exhibits) the inventive contributions of John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper, Ph.D., as joint inventors of claims 20, 21 and 27 of the '183 patent. *See* Exhibit A, ¶5.

6. Mr. Hourmand, in consultation with his counsel, Mr. Fabiano, agreed to the Consent Judgment, including the order in paragraph C. that the Director of Patents and Trademarks issue a certificate of correction, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256, ¶2.

7. On March 14, 2011, Petitions Examiner Thurman Page refused the request for a certificate of correction on the ground that the request did not include a declaration signed by all joint inventors. *See* Exhibit C.

8. Many attempts were made to reach Mr. Page by telephone after March 14, 2011, but calls were not returned.<sup>1</sup>

9. After being unable to reach Mr. Page for the next three months, we sought to obtain an inventors' oath signed by all three joint inventors of the '183 patent.

10. On June 21, 2011, I both called and e-mailed Mr. Fabiano to request that Mr. Hourmand sign an inventor's oath. *See* e-mail thread of Exhibit D, p. 2.

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<sup>1</sup> I was informed by Ms. Sarah Svenson of the Petitions Office on July 21, 2011 that Mr. Page was on leave, and that is why he did not return calls.

11. I exchanged several e-mails with Mr. Fabiano on the status of this matter between June 21, 2011 and July 8, 2011. Exhibit D.

12. After hearing nothing from Mr. Fabiano, on July 14, 2011, I called him to inquire on the status of Mr. Hourmand's signature of the inventors' oath. He told me: "I no longer represent him. I don't know if anyone else represents him."

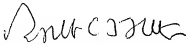
13. I have since learned that Mr. Hourmand sent a letter to the US PTO on July 8, 2011, in which he recants on the stipulated facts in the Consent Judgment. Exhibit E.

14. In these circumstances, namely, Mr. Hourmand's (i) dismissal of his counsel and (ii) recanting on stipulated facts in the Consent Judgment, it is submitted that the requirements of 35 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(3) (inventor oath for certificate of correction) and 35 C.F.R. §1.47(a) (diligent effort to obtain signature of recalcitrant joint inventor on oath), have been met.

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 35 C.F.R. §1.68**

Robert C. J. Tuttle, having been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of any application or the patent issuing thereon, states that all statements made above on knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Dated: August 12, 2011

  
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ROBERT C. J. TUTTLE

**Abstract**

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The parties hereto consent to the entry of a judgment, on the terms stated below, based on the following stipulation.

**STIPULATION**

1. Plaintiff Nartron Corporation was the owner at issuance of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183, ("the '183 patent"), by assignment from defendant Byron Hourmand for good and valuable consideration.
2. Nartron has since assigned the '183 patent to plaintiff UUSI, LLC.
3. The '183 patent at issuance named Byron Hourmand as sole inventor.
4. The '183 patent at issuance erroneously omitted John M. Washeleski, of Cadillac, Michigan, and Stephen R. W. Cooper, of Fowlerville, Michigan, as joint inventors.
5. John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper are joint inventors of the matter of independent claims 20, 21 and 27 (and claims dependent therefrom) of the '183 patent, as proved by the pleaded matter in the Complaint, including exhibits thereto.
6. John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper have stated that they are joint inventors and their omission was without deceptive intention. (Complaint Exhibits J and K.)
7. John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper have assigned their interests as inventors of the '183 patent to plaintiff Nartron Corporation. (Complaint Exhibits H and I.)
8. Byron Hourmand agrees the error in omitting John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper as joint inventors of the '183 patent was without deceptive intention.
9. Each party has read this agreement and had the assistance of counsel.

**JUDGMENT**

A. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of and the parties to this action.

B. John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper were erroneously omitted as joint inventors of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183, ("the '183 patent"), and such error occurred without deceptive intention.

C. Under authority of 35 U.S.C. §256, ¶2, the Court orders the Director of Patents and Trademarks to issue a certificate of correction adding John M. Washeleski, of Cadillac, Michigan, and Stephen R. W. Cooper, of Fowlerville, Michigan, as joint inventors of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,183.

D. Byron Hourmand, as assignor of the '183 patent for good and valuable consideration, is subject to the patent law doctrine of assignor estoppel from contesting the ownership, validity and enforceability of the '183 patent.

E. Defendant Byron Hourmand is therefore enjoined from contesting the ownership, validity or enforceability of U.S. Patent 5,796,183, along with persons in active concert or participation with Byron Hourmand, who receive actual notice by personal service or otherwise.

F. The parties shall bear their own attorney fees and costs.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 8, 2010

/s/ Robert Holmes Bell  
**HONORABLE ROBERT HOLMES BELL**  
United States District Judge

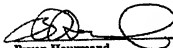
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NARTRON CORPORATION



By: Norman A. Rautiola

Its: *PRESIDENT*



Byron Hourmand

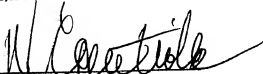
s/k/a Bahram Hourmand

s/k/a Joseph Oliver deMontfort

Date: August 26, 2010

Date: *8/19/2010*

UUSI, LLC



By: Norman A. Rautiola

Its: *MDR.*

Date: August 26, 2010

**From:** "Michael Fabiano" <mfabiano@mazzcal.com>  
**To:** "Robert Tuttle" <RTUTTLE@brookskushman.com>  
**Date:** 8/24/2010 2:14 PM  
**Subject:** Nartron v. Hourmand  
**Attachments:** Hourmand sig page.pdf

Mr. Tuttle,

Attached is Mr. Hourmand's executed signature page. Please return your client's signature page to me via e-mail or fax.

Thanks,

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AGREED:

NARTRON CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Byron Hourmand

Its:

a/k/a Bahram Hourmand  
a/k/a Joseph Oliver deMontfort

Date:

Date: 8/19/2010

UUSI, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

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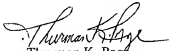
This is a decision on the petition filed September 14, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.323, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 1.324 to correct the name of the inventors by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner request that the inventorship of this application be amended by the addition of **JOHN M. WASHELESKI** of Cadillac, Michigan, and **STEPHEN R. W. COOPER**, of Fowlerville, Michigan, based on the Consent Judgment dated September 8 2010 UNDER 35 USC 256.

The petition is dismissed for failure to submit an oath or declaration signed by all the inventors. See 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-0602. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

  
Thurman K. Page  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

**Robert C. Tuttle**

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**From:** Robert C. Tuttle  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2011 10:15 AM  
**To:** hhuber@nartron.com  
**Subject:** FW: Correcting the Inventorship of the Hourmand '183 Patent

**From:** mfabiano@mazzcal.com [mailto:mfabiano@mazzcal.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2011 10:14 AM  
**To:** Robert C. Tuttle  
**Subject:** Re: Correcting the Inventorship of the Hourmand '183 Patent

No. I'll check with him.

Michael D. Fabiano  
[mfabiano@mazzcal.com](mailto:mfabiano@mazzcal.com)  
Sent from my BlackBerry

**From:** "Robert C. Tuttle" <rtuttle@brookskushman.com>  
**Date:** Fri, 8 Jul 2011 12:48:43 +0000  
**To:** Michael Fabiano <mfabiano@mazzcal.com>  
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Hello Michael,

Any update on Mr. Hourmand's approval of the declaration?

Bob Tuttle

**From:** Michael Fabiano [mailto:mfabiano@mazzcal.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** Robert C. Tuttle  
**Subject:** RE: Correcting the Inventorship of the Hourmand '183 Patent

Hi Bob,

I received your message below and your voice-mail message today. Your documents have been forwarded to Mr. Hourmand. I'll be in touch after he responds.

Thanks,

**Michael D. Fabiano**  
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**To:** Michael Fabiano  
**Subject:** Correcting the Inventorship of the Hourmand '183 Patent

Hello Mike,

This e-mail is sent in follow-up to the voice mail message left with your office today.

As you may recall, you represented Byron Hourmand in a suit brought in the Western District of Michigan under 35 USC Sec. 256, para. 2 to amend the inventorship of the Hourmand '183 patent.

We worked out a Consent Judgment directing the Director of the US PTO to issue a certificate of correction.

Unfortunately, the bureaucratic jungle of the PTO has delayed the issuance of the certificate of correction on the demand that the request include a declaration executed by all inventors. See attached denial of petition.

For this reason, I would kindly ask your cooperation in securing Mr. Hourmand's signature on the attached declaration.

Another copy of the Consent Judgment is also attached for convenience of reference.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call or e-mail with any questions or comments.

Bob Tuttle

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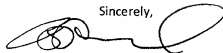
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Dear Thurman K. Page:

I received an email from Robert C. Tuttle, one of Nartron Corporation's attorneys, asking me to sign (under oath) a Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney, to include John M. Washeleski and Stephen R. W. Cooper. I CANNOT do that since that would be a false statement. I was the sole inventor on patent 5,796,183 and adding Washeleski and Cooper to the patent as co-inventors would be a lie. I signed the Consent form because Nartron's attorneys had been threatening me by lawsuit and thousands of dollars in attorney fees. I had no money to fight them and I signed the consent to get them off my back since they had been harassing me since December of 2008. Now, I am getting this Declaration form, and I am being asked to sign under oath and if a false statement is made, it is punishable by prison and fines. I simply cannot sign, both morally and legally.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Byron Hourmand